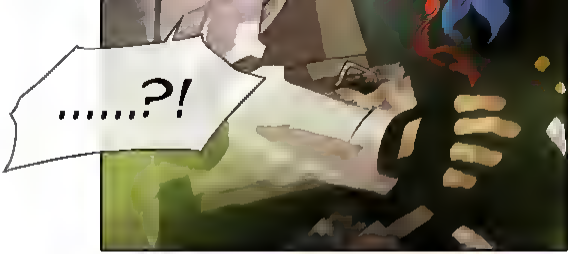
SWOOSH
THUNK!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I'M WARNING YOU...

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT MOVING.
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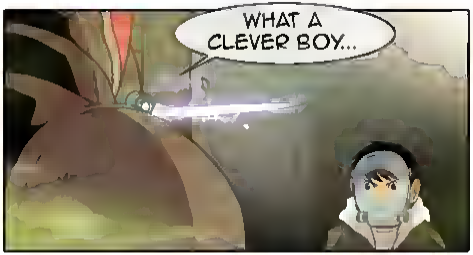
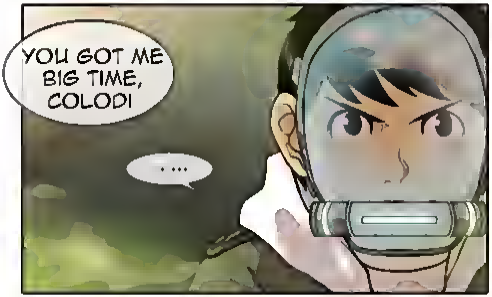
CRACK
CRUSH


WHAT A CLEVER BOY...


YOU GOT ME BIG TIME, COLOD!
. . . .

NOW THE SITUATION HAS JUST CHANGED.

CLANK
.....
LEAD US. WE'VE GOT QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU GUYS.
I NEED YOU TO BE OUR HOSTAGE FOR NOW.

...HAHA. HOSTAGE?
WHALE, I'M SURE YOU SAW ME DIE,
BUT I'M ALIVE NOW.
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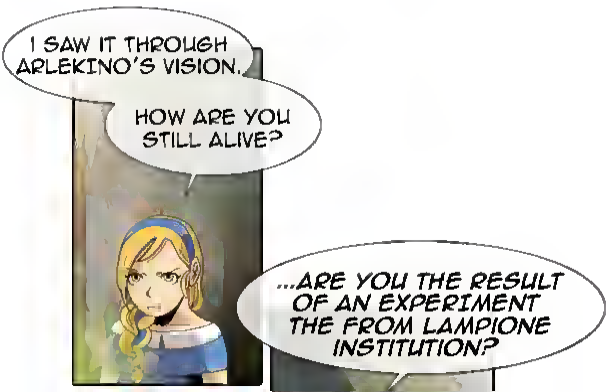
I'M STANDING HERE NOT BECAUSE I'M AFRAID OF DYING
I JUST WANT TO SEE HOW THIS SITUATION PLAYS OUT.


I SAW IT THROUGH ARLEKINO'S VISION.
HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
...ARE YOU THE RESULT OF AN EXPERIMENT THE FROM LAMPIONE INSTITUTION?

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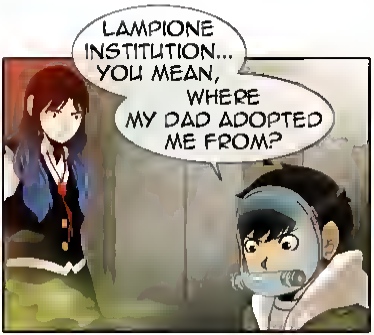
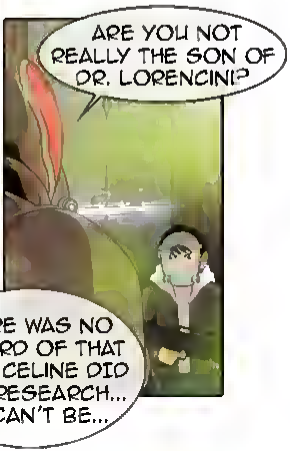
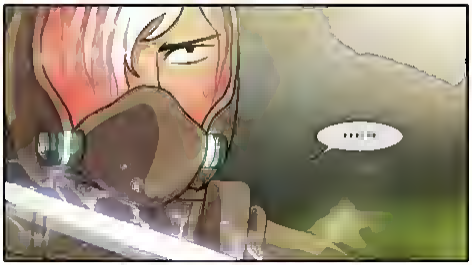

LAMPIONE INSTITUTION... YOU MEAN, WHERE MY DAD ADOPTED ME FROM?

DID THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTION MAKE YOUR DAD
ADOPT YOU?


ARE YOU NOT REALLY THE SON OF DR. LORENCINI?
THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THAT WHEN CELINE DID HER RESEARCH... IT CAN'T BE...

YOU DION'T KNOW ABOUT THIS EITHER?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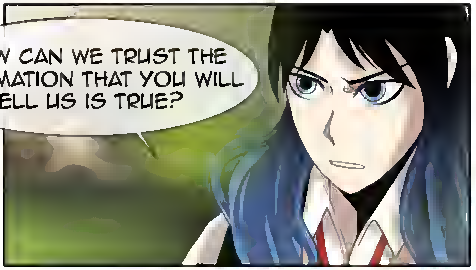
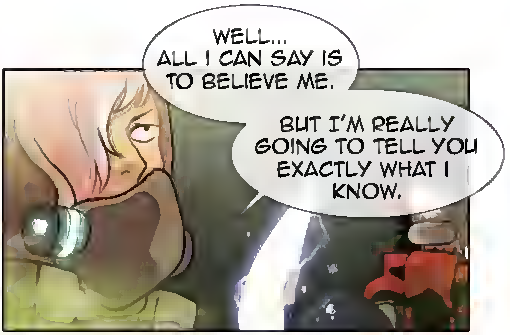
..LET'S MAKE A DEAL, WHALE.
HOW ABOUT WE EXCHANGE THE INFORMATION WE HAVE WITH EACH OTHER?
I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITHOUT THE JAMMER ANYWAY AND YOUR THREATENING OR KILLING ME WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING EITHER.


...HOW CAN WE TRUST THE INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL TELL US IS TRUE?


WELL... ALL I CAN SAY IS TO BELIEVE ME.
BUT I'M REALLY GOING TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT I KNOW.

..YOU CAN ASK ME FIRST.
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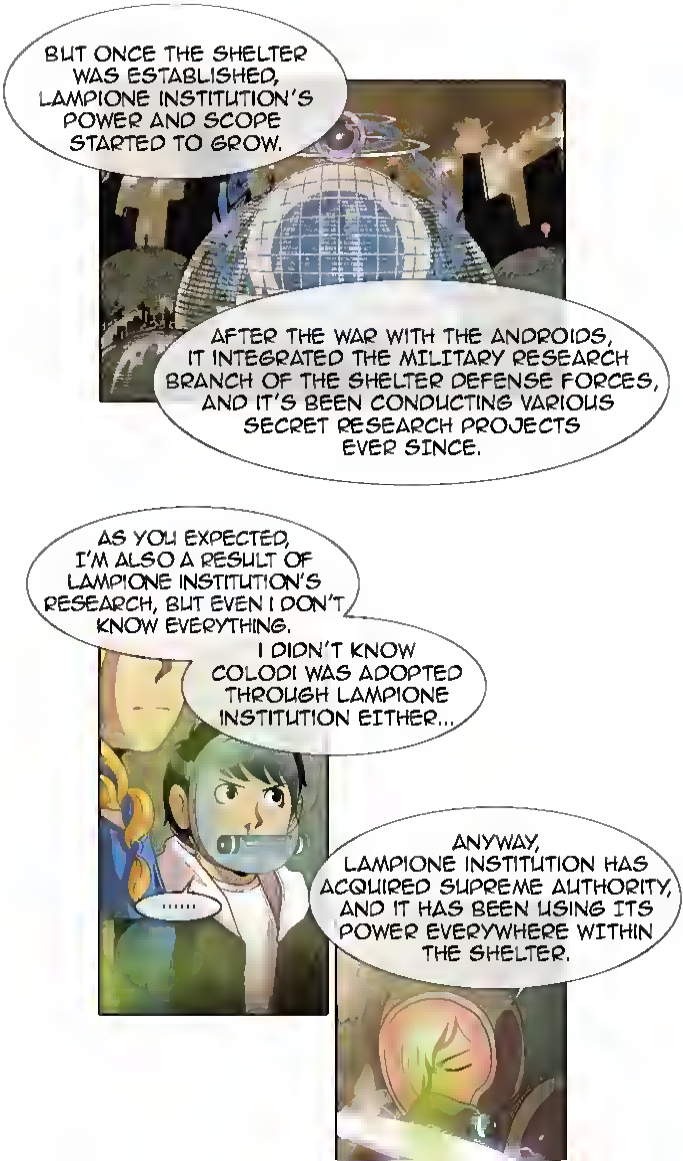
I'LL ANSWER AS MUCH AS I KNOW.

...WHAT EXACTLY IS LAMPIONE INSTITUTION?

WHO IS IT THAT WANTS THE INHERITANCE?

...LAMPIONE INSTITUTION SHARES ITS FOUNDATION AND HISTORY WITH THE SHELTER.

IT WAS SMALLER, AND DIDN'T HAVE STRONG AUTHORITY BACK THEN, BUT IT HAS EXISTED FOR A LONG TIME.


BUT ONCE THE SHELTER WAS ESTABLISHED, LAMPIONE INSTITUTION'S POWER AND SCOPE STARTED TO GROW.
AFTER THE WAR WITH THE ANDROIDS, IT INTEGRATED THE MILITARY RESEARCH BRANCH OF THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCES, AND IT'S BEEN CONDUCTING VARIOUS SECRET RESEARCH PROJECTS EVER SINCE.
AS YOU EXPECTED, I'M ALSO A RESULT OF LAMPIONE INSTITUTION'S RESEARCH, BUT EVEN I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING.
I DIDN'T KNOW COLODI WAS ADOPTED THROUGH LAMPIONE INSTITUTION EITHER...
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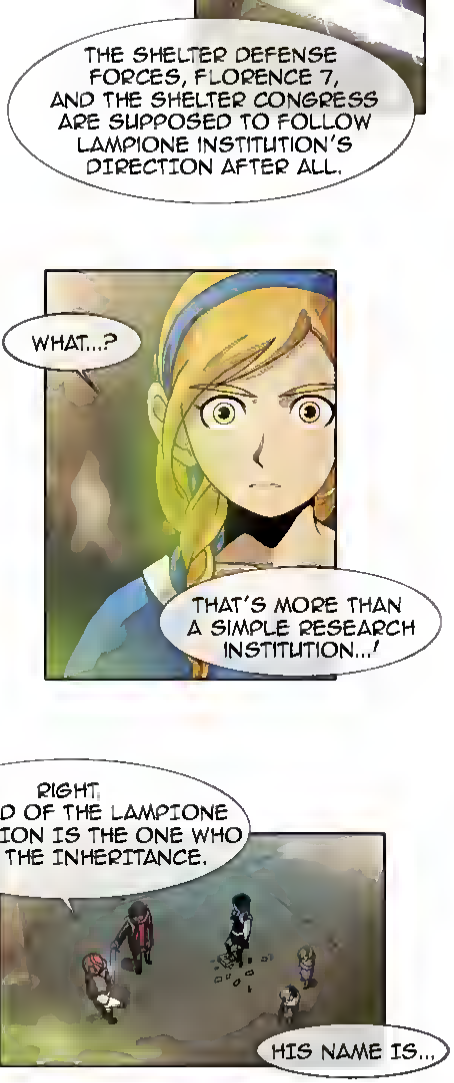
ANYWAY, LAMPIONE INSTITUTION HAS ACQUIRED SUPREME AUTHORITY, AND IT HAS BEEN USING ITS POWER EVERYWHERE WITHIN THE SHELTER.


THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCES, FLORENCE 7, AND THE SHELTER CONGRESS ARE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW LAMPIONE INSTITUTION'S DIRECTION AFTER ALL.
WHAT...?
THAT'S MORE THAN A SIMPLE RESEARCH INSTITUTION...!
RIGHT. THE HEAD OF THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTION IS THE ONE WHO WANTS THE INHERITANCE.
HIS NAME IS...

DR. ANTONIO.

DR. ANTONIO...?
HOW COME I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SOMEONE LIKE THAT IN THE CENTER OF THE SHELTER HIERARCHY BEFORE?

THERE WAS NO ROBOTICS ENGINEER LIKE THAT, AT LEAST NOT DURING THE TIMEFRAME I KNOW OF.

I'M NOT LYING.

HE'S JUST NEVER APPEARED IN SHELTER SOCIETY.

AND HE'S NOT A ROBOTICS ENGINEER...

HE'S A BIO-ENGINEER.

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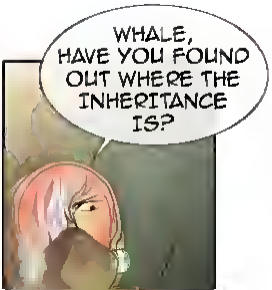
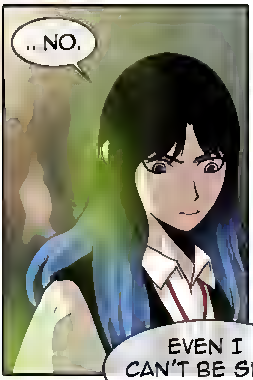
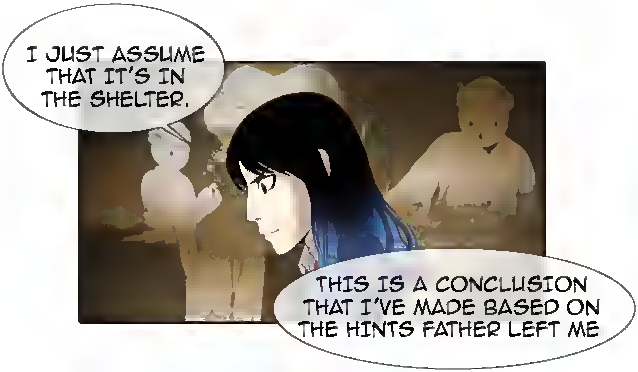
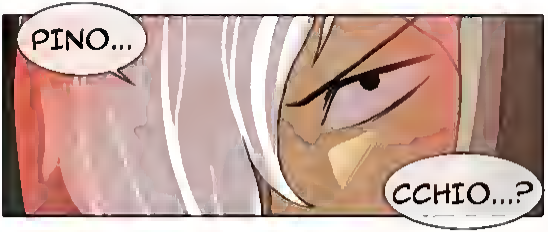
WHY WOULD A BIO-ENGINEER WANT THE ANDROID'S INHERITANCE...?
WAIT.
MY TURN NOW.


WHALE, HAVE YOU FOUND OUT WHERE THE INHERITANCE IS?


.. NO.
EVEN I CAN'T BE SURE ABOUT THAT.


I JUST ASSUME THAT IT'S IN THE SHELTER.
THIS IS A CONCLUSION THAT I'VE MADE BASED ON THE HINTS FATHER LEFT ME

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE INHERITANCE, YOU'RE STILL WORTH IT. SO HOW COME YOU RAN FROM THEM?
THAT'S...
BECAUSE OF PINOCCHIO.


PINO...
CCHIO...?

HE'S THE LEADER OF THE ANDROIDS THAT HAVE FOUGHT HUMANS FOR 100 YEARS.
BUT THE GEPETTO CODE WE GOT AND THE ONE WHALE GOT ARE DIFFERENT.
I COULDN'T TRUST HIM ANYMORE, SO I DECIDED TO LEAVE MY COMRADES AND HELP WHALE AND COLODI.
YOU COULDN'T TRUST HIM ANYMORE...?
YOU'D FOLLOWED HIM FOR 100 YEARS AS A LEADER. ISN'T HE MORE TRUSTWORTHY THAN WHALE, WHO YOU'VE JUST MET?

WHY DID YOU MAKE A SUCH...
BAM!
.....
TREMBLE...
THUNK!
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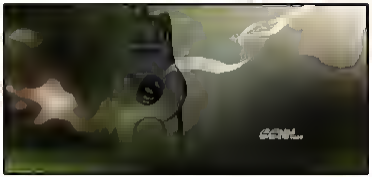

YOU GUYS...

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